



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes – Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 10th, 2014.

Attendees: Kathy O’Sullivan, Rosemary Thomas, Kathy Findlay, Mahala McCullagh, Rebecca Anderson, Lori Matick, Scott & Carly Trinder, Matthew Taylor, Judy Yeung, Sasa Chambers, Elizabeth Smailes, Bree Stanlake, Heidi Harmer, Christine Lee, Gerry Lee, John Puddifoot (BCCPAC).

Regrets: Adina Trowhill, Jeff Pedersen.

Meeting commenced: 7:05pm

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Lori
- **Seconded by:** Sasa
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

2. Approval of May 13, 2014 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Scott
- **Seconded by:** Christine
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

3. Principal’s / Vice-Principal’s Report – Kathy O’Sullivan and Rosemary Thomas

Kathy O’Sullivan:

- Thanking PAC Executive & parent support through the year. Teachers wanted their thanks passed along.
- Seismic update: day-by-day the gym is being dismantled & recycled. Non-QM VSB staff being reminded that access to Red building is off-limits & must sign-in with “site office”.
- Currently 387 students for September: 3 x 6/7, 2 x 5/6, 2 x 4/5, 1 x 3/4, 2 x 2/3, 1 x straight 2, 1 x 1/2, 1 x straight 1, 2 x straight Kindergarten.
- Split classes do a lot of collaboration with each other.
- 22 students with special needs, 95 students are ELL (English Language Learners), 20 International students, and 2 Aboriginal students.
- Class organization is on hold due to VSB strike roll-back of duties. Normally a 2-week process, very labour-intensive to balance each class. Administration may do a preliminary organization, or could be worked on in September.
- During VSB Strike, Administration still opens the school every day.
- Report Cards: Vesta came up with a template for teachers to use, being reviewed by School Board, etc.
- All Field Trips and Sports Day have been cancelled. Variety/Talent Show moved to Friday, June 13th.
- Looking at doing a mini-Assembly on Friday morning for Grade 7 Grad, awards,

acknowledgement of Teachers, should there be a full strike on Monday.

Rose Thomas:

- Grade 7's had articulation at Byng.
- Welcome to Kindergarten: 35 new children came with their parents, and took home sunflowers & a book bag from Learning Partnership.
- Track & Field was a success – many Gr. 3-7's participated in the District Meet on May 28, under the direction of Mr. Atkinson (in the morning) and Ms. Thomas & parent volunteers! Lots of ribbons!
- SOLOS (Safe Online Outreach Society) presented to parents on May 28th & to intermediate students on May 29th, about dangers in a digital world.
- Lots of great collaborative activities in classes happening right now.
- New 2014-2015 Calendar & School Fees Schedule went home on May 30th – required by Ministry for approval.
 - Two Pro-D's back-to-back in September for sufficient planning, as requested by staff.
- Artist in Residence (Phyllis Schwartz) was in today to work on Grade 6 & 7 project – Grade 7 part is complete.
- Grade 7 Grad looking for a new location due to likelihood of full-scale strike. Two events were planned: evening event on Thursday, June 19th and Friday, June 20th with the whole school for awards, and an afternoon beach event for Grade 7s.

4. Chair's Report – Kathy Findlay/Mahala McCullagh

- Landscape planning committee has not been able to meet recently due to all the activities going on. Planning to view other schools to see what they have done. Will come back in September with some ideas to put forth for discussion.
- Sports Day was cancelled prior to assumption of full-strike issue, due to amount of Teacher commitment needed (letter received from Teachers notifying PAC, who were organizing food for the event).
- Grad Committee looking for new location
- Strings program lottery done last week, with waitlist.
- Windows in Red Building – waiting for a price quote from Raymond. Will put together a letter with John Puddifoot's help, to submit to the Ministry.
- SOLOS presentation for parents brought in about 35 parents – was alarming information but good presentation.
- Executive has approved \$75 BCCPAC Membership Renewal for the 2014-2015 year.
- Lice screening was done in April and found only one Division with cases, which is down considerably from last year.

5. Treasurer's Report – Kathy Findlay for Adina Trowhill

- DeVry Greenhouse cheque cleared for plant sale.
- Paid \$475 for parent portion of SOLOS presentation from General account, Gaming funds paid for Student portion of \$650.
- Outstanding invoices still to clear: SOLOS, QM Scholarship & Lice Screening.

6. **DPAC Report – Matthew Taylor**

- Budget in preliminary form was adopted at DPAC Meeting.
- Lots of support for Strings program, which prompted use of “contingency” funds to pay for one more year. Still could be on “chopping block” next year. Kathy F. going to do research over the summer for ways to continue funding the Strings program, getting other PAC’s involved.
- Restoration budget: compares 2002/2003 to current year – showing we are \$55Million below actual usage needs.

7. **BCCPAC News – John Puddifoot**

- Trying to return to 2001/2002 class size/composition, which is where the budget downfall comes from.
- This budget is an election budget (\$27Million short-fall), keep in mind the provincial election this coming year.
- Number of students in Vancouver is going down, as is ratio of Student:Teacher is also going down, which is surprising.
- BCCPAC passed 22 resolutions, most unanimously.
- Playground resolution was withdrawn because of issues with requiring District to put in funds for “specific use”.
- Positions voted in:
 - President: Nicole Makohoniuk (Vernon)
 - 2nd Vice: Ayesha Haider (Burnaby, but moving to Vancouver)
 - Secretary – only one nominee, was voted down. Currently vacant.
 - Director: Angie Carlyle (Qualicum)
 - Director: Tracy Wright (Langley)
- Labour action: expectation is a full-strike will be voted, but do they want/will they go out on strike. A lot of upset Teachers (for a variety of reasons) with the wording of voting.
- A note to keep in mind that BC’s Education is 2nd highest in quality in the country.
- BCCPAC voted for an end to the strike action, which was not acted on.
- Education Minister was at meeting. Agreed Teachers need more pay, and committed to talks through the summer.
- John’s feeling is that a resolution of terms and contract settlement by September is not likely.
- Lock-out ends at the end of School year, so Teachers will be allowed to teach Summer School – whether they decide to work summer school is yet to be seen.
- CUPE has made a deal, so there is hope for a deal through the summer.
- New curriculum is up on the website for review. BCTF still to support.
- New student information program, being piloted in a few schools, will have a parent portal for daily use:
 - MyEducationBC will provide an instant look at work children are doing; could change the way Report Cards are done (if at all).

8. **Spring Dance –Lori Matick**

- Great participation, awesome costumes! Mr. Reimer’s band was awesome. Sold almost 300 tickets.
- Photo booth was a big hit! They will be sending a DropBox of all the photos for a library.
- We made a little bit of money: approx \$600-\$800, still be counted!

9. Announcement of QM Scholarship Recipient – Mahala McCullagh

- Grade 12 Scholarship recipient – Valerie Kim. Outstanding student and volunteer. Trying to determine when she will receive the cheque for \$750 when she delivers her speech – usually at Grad Assembly.

10. Election of Executive Officers – Kathy Findlay

Nominees:

- **Chair** – Kathy Findlay
- **Vice Chair** – Mahala McCullagh
- **Treasurer** – Sasa Chambers
- **Secretary** – Rebecca Anderson
- **DPAC Representative** – Matthew Taylor
- **Member at Large** - Lisa Meyer
- **Member at Large** – Bree Stanlake
- **SPC Representative Executive** – Lori Matick
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- All PAC Executive positions elected by acclamation (uncontested).
- If anyone is interested in being a School Planning Committee Representative (non-Executive) position, please contact Kathy Findlay. They meet about 3-4 times per year.

11. Other Business:

- Thank you to the Administration & Teachers of Queen Mary – we have an awesome team, despite strikes and walls coming down!

12. Adjourn

- **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
- Meeting adjourned 8:13pm.